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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 735
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A RESOLUTION to designate U.S. Highway 45W in Gibson
County as a "Blue Star Memorial Highway".

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Memorial Highway System is a fine illustration of what can be accomplished in roadside beautification; this project has grown from the beautifying of six miles of highway by the New Jersey Garden Clubs in 1944, to now include the entire United States; and

WHEREAS, the system is one of the most extensive projects ever undertaken by garden clubs and the first attempted on a nationwide scale; its success paved the way for the Anti-Litter Drive and other national projects; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Memorial Highways take their name from the blue star in the service flag; they are a living memorial to "all those who have served or will serve in the nation's armed forces"; and

WHEREAS, the project was organized as a demonstration of roadside beautification, to show what could be accomplished through united strength as a protest against billboards, to educate the public to higher standards of roadside development, and to determine how the

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National Council of Garden Clubs could best work with the civil authorities for major achievement; and

WHEREAS, it is a great honor for a highway to be designated as "Blue Star," and it is the wish of the National Council of Garden Clubs that this fact should be recognized and appreciated by all persons concerned with such highways; the "Blue Star Memorial" marker is appropriate in every respect to represent the efficiency and dignity of the nation's highways; and

WHEREAS, each month new stretches of roadway are being added to the Blue Star Memorial Highway System, and with the increasing number of men and women entering active military service for our country, this tribute assumes greater importance than ever in homes across our land; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1990, the Trenton Garden Club dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker on the Gibson County Courthouse lawn to honor the brave men and women of our area who have served in the U.S. armed forces; and

WHEREAS, it is also the desire of the Garden Club to name a section of highway in Gibson County in honor of those who served their country, and the members of this legislative body most heartily concur with this proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor all Tennesseans who have served and who are now serving in this nation's armed forces, and in the interest of highway beautification, U.S. Highway 45W in Gibson County, is hereby designated as a "Blue Star Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of U.S. Highway 45W as a "Blue Star Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the Trenton Garden Club, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), the Trenton Garden Club shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the Trenton Garden Club within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, the Trenton Garden Club shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the Trenton Garden Club.